

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for use in dispatching emergency services and notifying at least one additional contact, comprising:

wirelessly receiving a request for emergency services from a remote wireless device;

retrieving an emergency contact list according to the type of emergency;

determining at least one emergency contact other than emergency services according to the emergency contact list; and

notifying the at least one emergency contact of the request for emergency services.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a mode of communication with the at least one emergency contact to provide a determined mode of communication, and wherein the notifying comprises notifying the at least one emergency contact according to the determined mode of communication.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a type of emergency;

determining one or more types of emergency services to be dispatched according to the type of emergency; and

notifying at least one emergency service.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

verifying the request for emergency services prior to the notification of the at least one emergency contact and prior to the notification of the at least one emergency service.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

verifying that the at least one emergency contact received the notification; and

re-notifying the at least one emergency contact when verification is not received that the at least one emergency contact received the notification.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the re-notifying comprises determining an alternate mode of communication and communicating a follow up notification to the at least one emergency contact using the alternate mode of communication.

7. A method for use in providing wireless communications, comprising:
receiving a request for emergency services;
identifying a user from whom the emergency services are requested;
evaluating the request for emergency services;
retrieving an emergency contact list containing at least one member to be contacted; and
contacting the at least one member of the emergency contact list and notifying the member of the received request for emergency services.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
notifying one or more emergency services of the received request for emergency services.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the notifying the at least one member comprises issuing one or more messages to an identified device associated with the at least one member of the contact list.

10. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
establishing communication between an individual submitting the request for emergency services and at least one of the notified emergency services.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the establishing communication comprises at least one of push to talk, interconnect and messaging capabilities for each of the individuals submitting the request and the at least one emergency services.

12. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
establishing group communication between the at least one member of the
emergency contact list and one or more of the emergency services.

13. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
establishing direct communication between an individual submitting the request
for emergency services and the at least one member of the emergency contact list.

14. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
determining traffic conditions; and
issuing driving directions to the at least one member of the contact list.

15. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
contacting an escort; and
directing the escort to the at least one member of the contact list.

16. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
detecting a change in a condition that exceeds a threshold; and
initiating the transmission of the request for emergency services without user
intervention.

17. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
identifying a type of emergency;
determining a type of emergency services according to the identified type of
emergency services; and
wherein the retrieving the emergency contact list comprises retrieving the
emergency contact list for the identified type of emergency.

18. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining which of a plurality of emergency contact lists are to be retrieved according to at least one of a time of day, day of the week, and location of an individual submitting the request for emergency services.

19. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

initiating an alert beacon indicating a location of a device transmitting the request for emergency services.

20. A system for providing emergency notification, comprising:

a processor;

a memory that stores at least one emergency contact list; and

a wireless transceiver that wirelessly receives a request for emergency service;

wherein the processor evaluates the received request for emergency service, retrieves the at least one emergency contact list associated with the received request for emergency services, and generates a communication to at least one member identified from the at least one emergency contact list.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the processor communicates to a plurality of members identified from the at least one emergency contact list to notify each of the plurality of members of the request for the emergency service.

22. The system of claim 21, further comprising:

a wireless communication device that wirelessly transmits the request for emergency service.

23. The system of claim 21, wherein the processor further determines a type of emergency and notifies at least one emergency service of the request for emergency service.

24. The system of claim 17, wherein the processor initiates an alert location beacon.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the alert beacon is at least one of audio, vibration, visual lighting and non-visual lighting.